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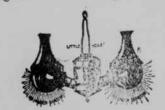
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TALMAGE SERMON

By Rov. FRANK BE WITT TALMAGE, D.D. Pastor of Jefferson Fork Prochy-terian Caurch, Chicago

Chicago, Jan. 4.- In the opening diswarse of the new year Pastor Taj- ther and mother, which God has long age appeals to the higher nature of been preserving in his sacred bottle. his auditors and shows them how they They are the tears of joy which your may make the year one replete with father and mother are now shedding triumphant spiritual achievement. His in heaven, because the white winged text is Proverbs ix, 11, "The years of angels have already flown to the Celes-

Happy new year! I bring to you boy is awearied of sin; that their boy the gospel salutation. I bring it to you is now ready to cast himself upon the with a smile upon the lip, with joy love of Jesus and be saved. Oh, today welling up in the heart. I bring it to the sacred band of Christian worshipau because I hope it is to be the best ers about me can hardly keep from and the most momentous year of all chapping their hands in joy. Truly

this morning. I am not only going to new year day, tell you that this new year is to be the ing to be a precursor of many other new year for you, repenting, sinful of this coming year consecrated to be perpotuated through the coming God your earthly longevity shall be centuries.

Christ said to the blind men, "According to your faith, so be it unto you." Let her funeral be by her own fireside. I was born have I had greater faith in loved her. Let some young girl who is the power of Christ to save and bless a friend of my sister sing a simple than at the present time. Therefore, song likeon account of my belief in the power of lesus Christ that he can and will save, your soul during the coming year, I know that this is to be the most important year of your life

My great expectations for your spiritual welfare and your consecration of the new year are not only founded upon my own faith, but also upon the faith of an earnest band of scores and scores of praying men and women who are loyally seeking your good. This band is composed of your friends and your leved ones. It is an all conquering band which shall soon, aye, I think today, capture your soul for Jesus Christ. We have read what Garibaldi did for Italian freedom. What had he to offer his followers? Nothing but hunger and pain and wounds and ex-But above all these privations Garibaldi lifted the standard of liberty, and the young men flocked to his side by the hundreds and the thousands. It may not be an easy task to capture your sinful heart for Christ. But the gospel prize is so great that the carnest band of workers surrounding me, like the Italian patriots, are willing to go through any privations if they can only bring you a repentant sinner to the foot of the cross. We have read what Toussalnt L'Ouverture did for Haitian freedom. Wenclared that this southern leader was a greater man than Washington, Napoleon, Cæsar, than Alexander the Great. But all the conquests by which the South American leader and his little band of followers were able to throw off the European tyrannies are as nothing in their eternal results when compared to some of the glorious spiritual victories which shall be won during this opening year for Christ-to be won by this hand of earnest praying workers who are surrounding me at the present time. So on this first Sunday, 1903, we give you fair warning that in the name of Jesus Christ we are about to move upon your sinful heart. We are about to capture your whole life

for Jesus Christ. Some New Year Resolves. Now, as a gospel transformation is soon to take place in your life, I am going to tell today some of the new resolves by which this opening year is to inspire your life. I am about to tell you ing you at the time did not think that here and now how you are going "to forget those things that are behind and reach forth unto those things that are before and press toward the mark for by the care the nurses took in giving the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." To overcome your evil passions and to

er want you to live is to be one of your chief desires for the ensuing year. There was a great change in your life when the old folks died. You may have long ago become a grownup man and been away from home five, ten, or even fifteen years, before you received the fatal telegram from your sister: "Come home at once. Mother is dying." Yet hour of your dangerous sickness? not until that time did you willfully let yourself go into the maelstrom of sin. Not until that time did you say in a sinmuch what becomes of me. Mother is man aid could rescue you? Did you those whose sorrows you have allevinow dead, and father is dead. Even if not practically say at that time, "O I do wrong and become dissipated they God, if you will make me well and after your mother's death your oldest my life to thee and thy service?" will not hear of it." For a few years sister tried to take your mother's place. sinful man, God made you well. God Every Sunday night she would write rescued you. Have you kept your to you, just as your mother did. But pledges to him? Have you given up somehow, though her letters were your sinful heart to be purged from its newsy and bright and told you how the past sins? These broken vows are toold neighbors were getting on, her day driving into your bleeding, repent- Wednesday night was not the first messages did not ring in your heart like ant heart the sharp, keen dagger of remother's letters. They did not so often morse. As a man of honor and characplend with you to be a good boy and say your prayers and read your Bible and are going to be true to those past whelming watch night services. While live for Christ. They did not begin with pledges. I feel it. I know it. I can these meetings were progressing in inthe sacred words, "My dear boy." She always called you her boy, though you had long ago been able to stand in an election booth and declare your choice for the presidency of the United States. But somehow curing the past few months the teachings of the old homestead have been pressing down upon you with mighty power. Man, you are tired of sin. You are tired of yourself. ises you made to God. You might feel a little better if you could only put your head in her lap and perous merchant who had a strange have a good cry. But you can't. Do

ACCOMAC C. H., VA., SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1903. ther on the day you joined the church. did as they were told. They all dropped serve if he made you well? God. Fifthose parental tears upon your head and heart. Discouraged man, today wearied of the sinful world, as you sit there with the tears running down Have you kept your pledges that you your cheeks, you think they are your | made to Jesus Christ at that time?" "Nay, nay," answered the merchant in tears. They are not. They are the "But I will. From hencetears of your dead and redeemed faforth I will, I will." And from that molife. This ensuing year, like the memorable dream of the sleeping merchant, is to open for you a new life. It is to be a year when you shall endeavor to tial City to announce to them that their fulfill the broken promises which you long ago made to Jesus Christ. Joys of the Coming Months,

> this is not only for us, but also for I am going to be a gospel propert your repenting soul, a happy, happy Your Mother's Memory. This ought to be especially a happy useful years. I am going to say to you, man, because now the good works of as Solomon said of old, that on account your dead father and mother are about and let number two look after himself. Shal Ney with the royal troops to cap-"The years of thy life you said: "I do not want for her any expensive funeral or useless show. I a scavenger's cart for a hearse and a throned ruler, Napoleon, instead of chall be increased."
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> Charles Dickens wrote a famous book do not want any trained choir to sing glue factory for a crematory. No, no, running, turned and threw back the But any classical music by her casket. I do the English writer did not have as not want for her a public funeral. I not appeal to me. The more I have the will you shoot your emperor?" With much right to use that caption for his do not even want her body to be taken more people respect me. The less I that Marshal Ney threw down his novel as I have for this sermon. As to the church. Let her sleep as long as have the less they respect me. The sword at Napoleon's feet, and all the possible in the bed where she died. My faith today is infinite. Never since Let a few friends gather here who and I will be misrepresented."

> > "Mother was not fond of society. She was a home body. She lived mostly for father and us children." Well, my to say, every time we came to a hill fight for the Divine Master. Oh, shall

do you not see that if you refused to to the cross, refused to be a good acts would be damming back a great had the officiating minister write down his funeral address. Then you had those letters and that address all printed and bound together into a booklet, which you called "My Mother's Memorial." But, man, the mightiest and most triumpanut memorial you could ever make of your mother's life is your own life consecrated to the service of Jesus. She put her blood and her life into because by your own consecration to the service of the Lord Jesus you are here and now ready to let your mother's prayers echo and re-echo and d what Toessaint L'Ouverfor Haitian freedom. Wenlips in his famous oration deit this southern leader was a

resound in your prayers. Her good deeds will find a true continuance in tirely changed my mind. The willing ling, combined with his fresh, outdoor men of the churches are always the

All your past days have not been merely because it has no outlet and only for the greatest of all living nature bright and happy days. The meadow inlets, while the waters of the moun- writers and one of the most charming larks do not sing when they hear the tain brook laugh and gurgle and sing of American essayists unless one were merciless growl of the destroying cy mercily because it lets all its waters to remember that all truly great men clone. The red roses of June do not run away toward the sea. Who do have a divine faculty of not appearing like to rest their blushing cheeks you think was happier, Herod, bloody great. against a January snowbank. You Herod, loathsome in mind and spirit, may have welcomed the many congrat- or Paul, who had given up his whole ulations which your friends showered life to Jesus? Herod, with jewels on upon you in your younger days of tri- his fingers, or the apostolic tentmaker, umphs. But you have also had your with his hands greasy with ropemakdefeats and heartaches and disappoint- ing? Do you think Napoleon was hapments. You have also had your days py? Napoleon Bonaparte, the selfish quisitely sensitive and intuitive depict when you lay upon a bed of sickness. You have had days when your Europe for a chessboard; Napoleon, who life was hanging by a slender thread, used to capture kings and queens withready to be snapped by death at any moment. Your wife and mother nurs- to coronation, who turned and bitterly you fully realized how sick you were. populace: "Bah! They would curse You did. You knew it by the anxious way the doctor watched. You knew the proper medicines at the exact time. Then-oh, then in that dark hour you ingstone pleading for Africa, or Adonifelt as did the poor fellow whom I live as your redeemed father and moth-buried some weeks ago. One Saturday he was at work in seemingly full rides? Who do you think today is health. The next Monda he lay upon the operating table as a last resort for his life. After the operation they told him he had to die. He looked up in a pathetic way and said: "I do not want to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ into to die. I am afraid to die. Oh, do not

let me dle!" What did you do in that In the Dark Herr. What did you do in that dark hour of trouble, when you knew that no hu- after out of the golden goblet filled by ter, by the grace of God, you today have you attended solemn and overyour cheeks flush and your eyes flash contemptible your life had been. You man to whom you gave your word. Your boast heretofore has always been my evil thoughts and deeds. Neither will you today, O man, continue longer to break those old prom-

A noted preacher once told of a prosdream, and yet not a dream. For many your dead parents are pleading with you and for you now, just the same as they did of old.

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Church, but not living his religion as he your New your New you and for you now, just the same as they did of old. years he had been a member of the I met. Every one I would accost with The psalmist tells us that God keeps ing the evening paper. There was a thing. But many answered me thus: "I er, who caused the arrest of the man. The psalmist tens us that God keeps the tens of his loved ones in a bottle.

Last week God lifted one of the parental tens which were shed over your tal tears which were shed over your cradle. He placed the sparkling treasure upon the white wing of an angel one of the parental tears which were shed over your cradle. He placed the sparkling treasure upon the white wing of an angel one of the parental tears which were shed over your cradle. He placed the sparkling treasure upon the white wing of an angel of the data.

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of mercy and cried, "G5, angel, and science, "One year ago tonight," said ing the truth. I do not believe there is drop that tear upon that young man's the stranger, "your daughter was sup- a man or woman or child who now aphead and anoint him with the Spirit's posed to be dying. Whom did you call proaches New Year's day who does not power." Last night God sent another upon for help? Whom did you promise make some new resolution. But the white winged messenger with another to serve at that time? God. Ten years trouble is after you have made your tear out of his bottle, shed by your fa- ago you were supposed to be lying upon New Year's resolutions you go out in your deathbed. Had you died at that your own strength and try to battle One white winged angel after another time, you would have left your family with your old temptations, and then penniless. Whom did you promise to you are flung again and again. But, teen years ago you joined the church different year from all others. You and never let you fall. But I bethink myself that there is something for which to congratulate

> Happy new year to you, sinful man. happy? Because during the coming twelve months you shall for the first time enjoy the sweet blessings and different to the Lord Jesus Christ. exhilarations of Christian service. The joy of a self sacrificing Christian life es not appeal to the average unconsecrated man. He says to himself: "What is the good of sacrificing for other people? They never appreciate it. horse to death. Then the only obsequies that willing horse will ever get are came in sight of the unarmed and demore I am willing to serve others the soldiers began to weep and cry, "Long more my motives will be misjudged, live the emperor!" And the soldiers

of horses was composed of a big, pow- That was dramatic. But today a more erful animal who was just as lazy as dramatic scene is taking place within he was big and strong. The second the walls of this church. was a little wiry animal who tugged here an enemy of Jesus Christ. You and pulled all day long. Yet, strange today are going to join with us and brother, if your mother was a home the driver would take out his whip and we not cheer? Shall we not praise body and lived mostly for her children, begin to beat the little horse. At last I God for your advent to our company? protested. I said: "Why do you whip Shall we not look upon your re-enforce that little horse? Why do you not hit ment as a presage for us of a happy that big. lazy brute, who is always new year? lagging behind and hardly keeping his | Brother and sister in Christ, the work traces taut?" "Oh," answered the driv- before the church is stupendous. This er. "I know you do not understand gospel battle is to be no child's play. much about horses when you ask me We have welcomed you into our ranks such a question as that. The reason I in the name of Jesus. Now close up thetic letters which were written to you hit the little horse is because he is the the ranks. Now kneel, and make one willing horse. That big horse is the earnest, intense prayer before we start bulky horse. If I hit him, he would on our new gospel campaign. Now, immediately lie down and begin to are you ready? Forward in the name kick this wagon all to pieces. There- of our Captain! Forward against the fore I whip the little willing horse to citadel of sin! Forward for the rekeep the big balky horse agoing." Then | demption of our loved ones! Forward I sollloquized to myself, for at that to capture Chicago for Christ! For time I was not a truly converted man: ward, march! Forward, march! "Ah, how true is that of the world. If a man tries to do anything for humanity, he is the willing horse. He is your life. So, man, this ought to be a kicked and cuffed and cursed and happy year for you. It ought to be browbeaten. The balky horses, the uscless horses, the selfish horses, are say, some time in his forthes too intealways the kindly treated horses and escape being round shouldered, but each

the happy horses.' But though I made that deduction arly look and a distinct refinement of after be worshiped with a sweeter look happy men. The self sacrificing men because he is also now her boy's Christ. are always the rich men spiritually. ing. His hair is white as new fallen The holy endeavor to fulfill the past | They are not the selfish men. They are pledges which you have made to God not those who will grab and keep all He has a soft, pleasant voice and is shall be another desire inspiring you that they can. The Dead sea is bitter very quiet, unassuming and kindly in during this ensuing happy new year, and acrid and saline and repulsive human monster, who used the map of out compunction; Napoleon, on his way said in reference to the cheering French me to the guillotine as gladly as they would cheer me to a throne." Or would you sooner have the happiness of a Dr. Duff pleading for India, or David Livram Judson pleading for Burma, or John Paton pleading for the New Hebhappier, the woman who is only living my girl, going with a loaf of bread in of lords." Newman Hall was one of one hand and a Bible in the other hand the slums? Yes, my repentant friend, the ensuing year is to be a happy year for you. It is to be a year when you shall quaff a chalice filled with the sweetest nectar. You shall drink here-

ated and whose sobs you have turned into songs of eternal rapture. The One Great Condition. But all these deductions hinge upon one great condition. The ensuing year is to be a happy year for you because from now on you are to depend entirely upon divine strength to triumph over your besetting temptations. Last New Year's eve when you started forth with good resolutions. Again and again see a new and holy purpose making terest you began to feel how mean and with a consecrated enthusiasm. You then and there said to yourself: "I will would not break a pledge with any quit my sins. I will stop drinking and swearing and Sabbath breaking and all that your word is as good as your bond. will, even if I have to cut off my right

sermon called "New Year's Resolu- past he had stood near the entrance of tions." I made up that sermon from the answers I received from friends whom

my brother, this year is going to be a know your weaknesses and failures. You know you cannot win a spiritual success in your own strength. Therefore you are ready to conscientiously ask God to help you in the struggle of life. He will do it. Yes, he will give you the divine strength which will never, never fail. Cling to him, my brother. Cling to him as Jacob wrestled with the angel in prayer, and he will bless you

who surround me and also for the repentant man and repentant woman. You came into this church today in-You have now surrendered your heart to him. You came into this room practically an enemy of the cross. are now buckling on the armor to join our gospel ranks and to become one of our Christian comrades. We have read how the French king sent forth Marture Napoleon after his escape from who went forth to capture a pretender Some time ago I was riding through to the throne returned to Paris to drive the country on a long trip. The team | Louis Philippe out of the Tuileries.

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John Burn ly enough to acquire a studious, scho snow, and he wears a long white beard. manner. One would hardly take him

W. D. Howells impresses one as par excellence the type of the successful business man. His figure is fleshy and bulky. His features and expression are rather heavy, and it requires imagination to believe him one of the most ex-

ers of American character.-Town and Dr. Newman Hall's Long Career. The late Dr. Newman Hall's first attempt at outdoor preaching was to a company of hop pickers in his native town of Maidstone. His address was short and to the point, and so great was his inherent nervousness and diffidence that he went unattended by any friend. One of his first regular sermons as a student was preached on June 28, 1838, in the town hall of the same place, the occasion being the memorable one of Queen Victoria's coronation. The text taken for the sermon was "The King of kings and Lord at both the coronation and diamond jubilee services of the late queen, and on the latter occasion-June 20, 1897he again preached from the same text with a full heart and a host of remembrances.-London Chronicle

An "Agreeable Surprise." King Leopold had a curious adventure with a local band in one of the country districts outside Brussels the other day. It is the custom with these the foinest people, and that man told meets with them in his walks to greet and he's nothin' but one of them circus bands when the king accidentally him with the "Brabanconne." The Independance Beige states that while a party of rustic bandsmen was in an inn the other day the king passed, and all rushed out to greet him. The conductor called "La Brabanconne," but as none of the men knew it each blew ing an offering in the shape of the profor all he was worth at some air which he did know. The discord was tremendous, but the king stood through it without moving a muscle and when all parently that of Moses rather than that was over expressed urbane thanks for of the gospels-ferbade them to receive the "agreeable surprise" afforded him.

A Singular Mania Case. A young man was taken into custody in Vienna recently who had made himself conspicuous by his singular belutions. Some years ago I preached a havior. Every day for some weeks

When they came out, he produced a

IDENTITY QUICKLY LOST.

Men Are Soon Forgotten In Probably there is no great city in the

world where a "has been," in official

life especially and in business spheres

generally, sinks so quickly into oblivion as in New York city. A man may have been even a president of the United States or a governor of the state, and he can meander day in and day out down Broadway, from Longacre square to the Battery, without once being recognized in the "madding Only a short time ago a crowd. friend stood right in front of the Fifth Avenue hotel chatting with a man whom he had greeted as he was passing. "I suppose you know to whom I was talking," he remarked to a friend. The friend-who, by the way, was one of New York's leading politicianssaid that the face was somewhat familiar to him. "I've an idea," said the praying band of Christian workers he, "I've seen that man down on the Stock Exchange very often. broker, I think." Alas, poor Yorick! He did not recognize Daniel Lamont, ex-secretary of war and ex many other things before he was secretary of war. A man who was once vice president of the United States, once governor of this state, once United States ambas sador to France was passing Fifth avenue, near the Holland House, recently, says a correspondent of the Pittsburg Dispatch. The only person who seemed to know who he was was a newsboy. asked the little fellow. "Why d'ye call that old gentleman 'guv?' " asked the know it all policeman on the corner,

> smiling. One of the most striking illustrations of this sinking out of mind of once famous men-famous as leading lights in the city itself-was given when President Roosevelt was here a short time ago. Four men happened to meet in the corridor of the Waldorf. They were laughing and shaking hands when a fifth came along. He remarked, "Some people will think this is a 'combine' for a purpose." The crowd surged past the five men, even jostled up against them at times, but not a soul recognized them except a newspaper man. know any one of those men there?" he asked a pretty well posted man about town. "Don't know as I do," was the reply. Such is fame. Those five men were Messrs, Hewitt, Cooper, Ely, Gilroy and Grant. They were all ex-mayors of this city. Indeed "ex" relating to anybody once prominent in public life actually stands for exit in the New York human maelstrom-not only out

all." And Levi P. Morton walked on

with a sneer.

of memory, but out of sight. A leading New York detective said one day as he stood watching the mass of people pouring from four different points at Tryon square into the Manhattan entrance to the Brooklyn bridge, "Do you know, if I was a 'bad egg' and my photo was not already in the rogues' gallery and I was being hunted for a felony I had committed in this city, what I'd do? I'd stay right in this city."-New York Letter in Detroit Free

Beyond its associations, Bethlehem has little to recommend it, says a writcomplexion. He is of medium height. er in the Home Messenger. It is a crowded little town, two or three miles away from which, on the road to Hebron, are the remains of the pools of

> They are immense reservoirs, constructed of solid masonry, and are undoubtedly the work of Solomon. For centuries Jerusalem has suffered from deficiency of water, but it has occurred to no one to make use of these reservoirs, designed and built by the

> greatest of Hebrew kings. But things move even in Palestine, and it is reported that these reservoirs are again to be used, and water is to be conveyed into Jerusalem by aqueducts which will follow the very course designed by the engineers of Solomon.

Darwin's Coffin.

A curious attraction at a public house near Bromley, England, is a secondhand coffin. It was made by the village carpenter, who frequently made cases for Darwin's collection. day, work being scarce, the carpenter asked for something to/o and was told by Darwin that he cor'd make a coffin, which he did. The body of Darwin is said to have lain in it for two days before his burial in Westminster abbey was decided upon. A new coffin was then provided, and the first passed into the possession of the carpenter and at his death was bought by the publican.

Shocked the Cook.

The Rev. Dr. Henson, a well known Baptist clergyman, several years ago engaged a new cook. He told her the size of his family and said also that he was a preacher. Several days after the new cook arrived she noticed Dr. Henson amusing his children by turning somersaults on the lawn. Full of indignation, she hurrled to Mrs. Henson. "I'll have to be afther lavin',"

she said. "I have always lived with

me a lie. He said he was a minister, men."-Philadelphia Times.

The managers of the Royal infirmary, Edinburgh, have been searching their hearts touching the propriety of acceptceeds of a concert given by the Sunday society. The sterner brethren were of epinion that the Christian religion-apsuch "unholy gains" even as trustees for the sick and the poor. However, after some discussion the meeting deeided "to defer action until the check had been received." Very Scotch! -

London Truth.

It is not generally known that about twenty years ago Milner, Schreiner and Steyn were embryo lawyers in London, struggling together to obtain a footing in the law. In these days they used to dine together frequently. The position of each of these young law dents is now too well established to